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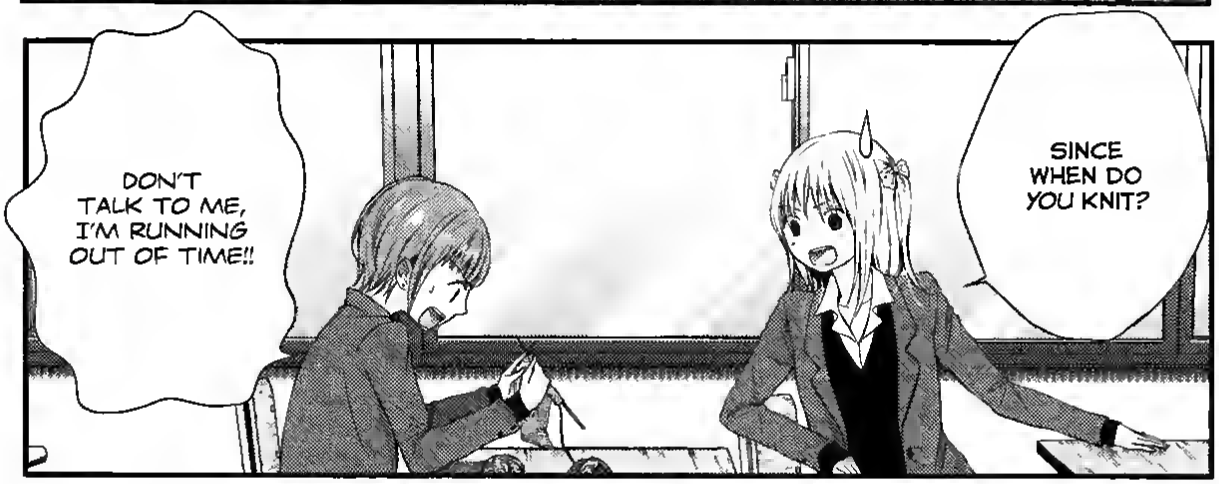
Snow Flakes

I first started noticing my best friend, Tanabe Haruko, acting strangely around the beginning of January.
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU DOING? MAKING A SCARF?


SINCE WHEN DO YOU KNIT?
DON'T TALK TO ME, I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME!!

OUT OF TIME? IS THIS FOR SOMEBODY?
WHAT IS A BOY GOING TO DO WITH A PINK SCARF?
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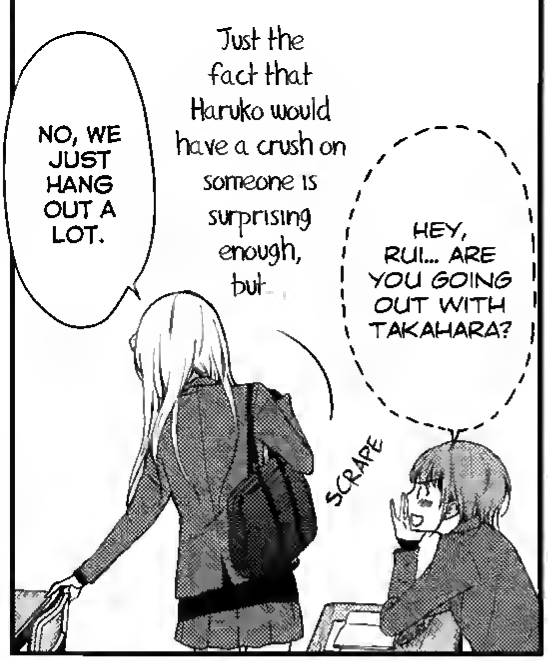
...IT'S FOR A GIRL.
HUH?

IT'S FOR SHINOZAKI-SENPAI... IN THIRD-YEAR. ♥
WHAT!? SHINOZAKI-SENPAI!? THE BEST-LOOKING GIRL IN SCHOOL!?
SQUEEEAL! YOU REALLY WENT AND SAID IT!
And hold... just hold on a second here...
What, are you a lesbian?
I THINK SO, MAYBE!
stick
DON'T TELL ANYBODY.
What are you sticking your tongue out about!?
Is this girl for real!?
RUI.


NO, WE JUST HANG OUT A LOT.
Just the fact that Haruko would have a crush on someone is surprising enough, but
HEY, RUI... ARE YOU GOING OUT WITH TAKAHARA?
SCRAPE

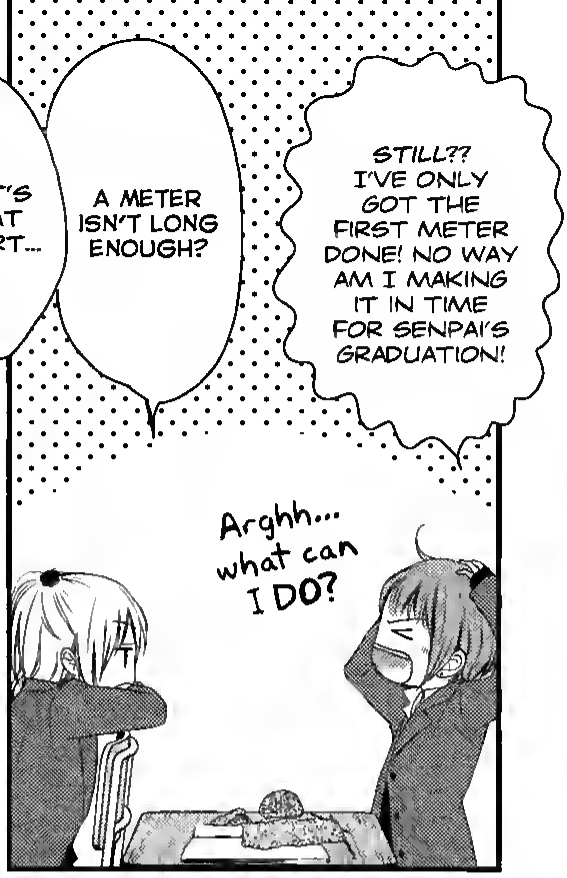
WANNA HEAD OUT FOR SOME KARAOKE?
OH... YEAH, SURE.

SEE YOU THEN. DO THE BEST YOU CAN, I GUESS.
YEP!
I WILL!
AND YOU GET ALONG WITH TAKAHARA, RUI!

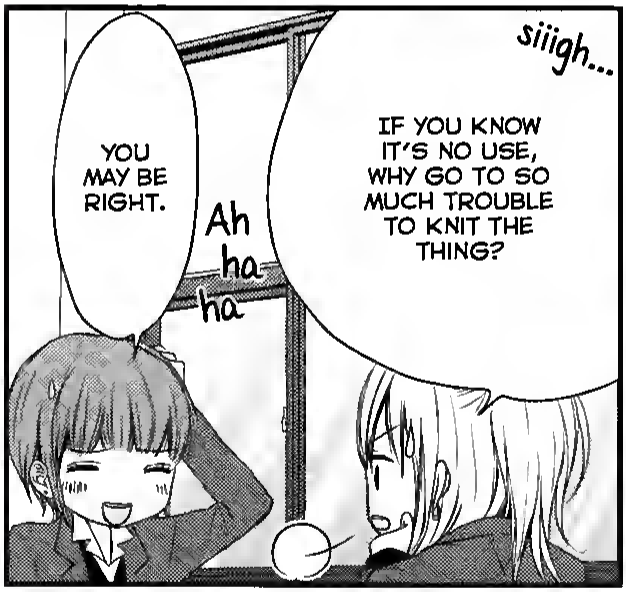
It's another GIRL? What is even going on
WHICH ONE SHOULD WE GO TO?
Mm... okay now, this one goes... over here...
AHMM...
Really

SLIP
SLIP
AGHH! DARN IT! MESSED UP AGAIN!!
If you get serious about it, it's just that much more of a pain.
YOU PICK. ANYWHERE'S FINE.
THIS PATTERN IS TOO HARD...
I'VE HAD TO DO IT OVER SO MANY TIMES SINCE YESTERDAY AND I STILL CAN'T GET IT RIGHT!
YOU'RE *STILL* WORKING ON THAT?

H... HOW IS IT GOING TO FIT AROUND BOTH OF US AT THE SAME TIME?
IF IT'S THAT SHORT...


A METER ISN'T LONG ENOUGH?
STILL?? I'VE ONLY GOT THE FIRST METER DONE! NO WAY AM I MAKING IT IN TIME FOR SENPAI'S GRADUATION!
Arghh... what can I DO?

YEAH YEAH, RIGHT, GOT IT.
SLAP
SLAP
WAIT... EEEK! WHAT ARE YOU MAKING ME SAY!?


YOU MAY BE RIGHT.
Ah ha ha
IF YOU KNOW IT'S NO USE, WHY GO TO SO MUCH TROUBLE TO KNIT THE THING?
siiigh...

BUT YOU KNOW...

WHAT!? YOU AREN'T GIVING HER THE SCARF?
TO PUT IT ON TOGETHER... THEN TAKE A PHOTO TO COMMEMORATE THE MOMENT... THAT'S THE GOAL!
OF COURSE NOT! SHE DOESN'T WANT TO HOLD ON TO SOMETHING LIKE THIS. IT'D JUST BE A NUISANCE..

I JUST LOSE MYSELF IN IT SOMEHOW.
IF YOU'RE THINKING OF THE PERSON YOU LOVE WHILE YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING...
IT'S LIKE GETTING CAUGHT UP IN A DAYDREAM.
What a lot of hooey!...
The scarf itself seemed to be stretching out
Getting longer and longer day by day,
slowly transforming into something warm
to match Haruko's feelings

The graduation ceremony's... tomorrow...
RUI, WANT TO WALK HOME TOGETHER?
2-3
SEE YOU!
BYE BYE!
What's the point...
SORRY, I CAN'T.
of taking something like romance seriously?
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING.

Eugh... Just when I thought it's getting cold, it starts to snow... My hands are getting too numb to knit...
shiver... shiver
RUI!
YOU COULD ALWAYS JUST GO HOME.
UWHOO HOO! SO WARM!!
WHY WOULD YOU PURPOSELY PICK SUCH A COLD PLACE TO DO THIS?
I CAN CONCETRATE WHEN I'M IN THE CLASS-ROOM!
WELL, KEEP IT UP. ALMOST DONE, RIGHT?
YEP. THANKS.
A few hours later
your treat?
Nope, I put it on your tab.
Ehhhhh...?

What if things go better than expected tomorrow?

What if

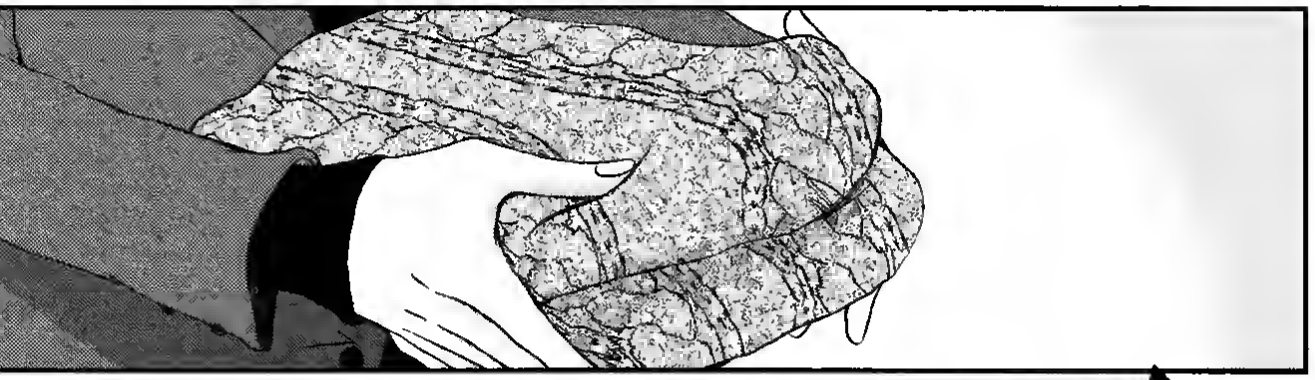
Haruko got a girlfriend?

sighhh...

BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ
What's with the sigh?
What's with this murky feeling?
Incoming Call
Takahara

She finally finished it
If nothing else, the scarf
like Haruko's feelings, were certainly warm

What a pain...
BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ



HUH!? HOLD UP! DON'T RUN AWAY!!
N-N-N-NOPE! SORRY! CAN'T DO IT...!!
SNAG

WHAT!?
YOU DIDN'T GIVE IT TO HER? THE THIRD-YEARS HAVE ALREADY LEFT!!

WELL, I MEAN..!
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT! DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD YOU'VE WORKED FOR THIS DAY!?
SHE'LL JUST THINK I'M CREEPY OR WEIRD!
IT'D BE JUST A NUISANCE TO HER!!
OF COURSE IT WON'T!
YOU PUT MONTHS OF YOUR FEELINGS INTO THAT SCARF!

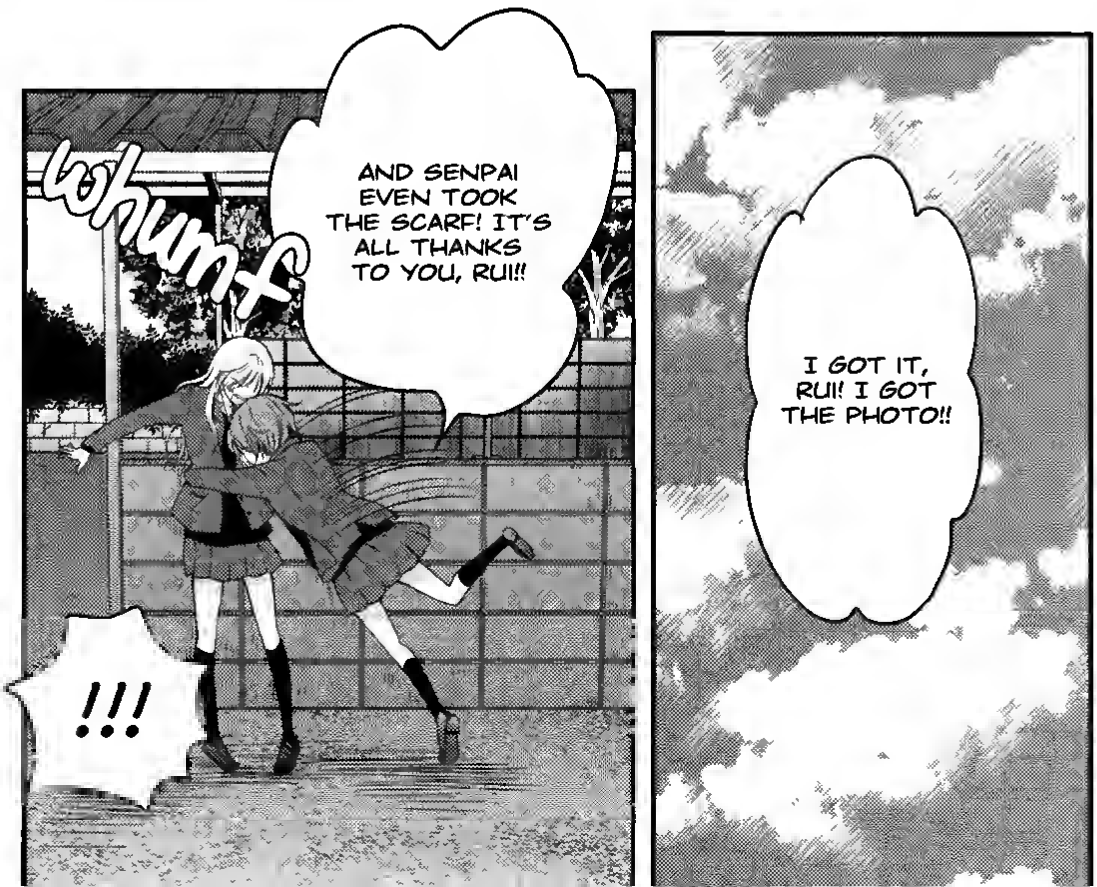
Out of nowhere,

I just started shouting

And then sprinted off

HAH...
I lost myself in it. Like someone caught up in a daydream.
I don't think I've ever run as hard as I did then.
品田車庫
SHINOZAKI-SENPAI!!
PLEASE WAIT A SECOND!
HAH...
ba-dump
ba-dump
ba-dump
HAH...
HAH...
ba-dump

Just thinking about the person I love.
HAH...


I GOT IT, RUI! I GOT THE PHOTO!!
AND SENPAI EVEN TOOK THE SCARF! IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, RUI!!
Wohumf
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even if it is a lot of hooey...
HEY! WHOA! HARUKO...!
And even if it is a pain
THANK YOU, RUI!!
Your smile wipes all that right out.
Squeeze
MAKE A SCARF FOR ME TOO, ALL RIGHT?
YEP! YOU BET!
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SNOWFLAKES

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